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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Geologists
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Friday, April 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard Cannon Building, Second Floor Conference Room B Dover, Delaware 19904
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	May 11, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Steven Smailer, President, Professional Member
Douglas Rambo, Vice-President, Professional Member
Judith Nicholas, Public Member
David Reinhold, Professional Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

William "Sandy" Schenck, Secretary, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
Meredith Hurley, Administrative Specialist II
David Mangler, Division Director

PUBLIC PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Smailer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Rambo moved, seconded by Ms. Nicholas, to approve the February 9, 2018 meeting minutes as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Stamp & Seal Requirements for State Employees

The Board reviewed the letter that was drafted by Mr. Schenck to remind licensed geologists of their obligation to report unethical or incompetent practice of another geologist.

One of the issues is that geologists are being asked to modify their own sealed work in order to satisfy another professional's requirements even if it is not cost effective or necessary. The responsibility would

still lie with the geologist who sealed the work. A seal from the person wanting the modifications should also be required to show they were involved in the project.

The Board decided to continue this discussion at the next scheduled meeting.

Discussion of Engineer Exemption

The Board reviewed the letter written to the stakeholders regarding the potential deletion of the exemption statement that was written into the definitions portion of the statutes. The stakeholders that this letter will be sent to would include DAPE, Well Drillers, and Geologists.

Mr. Mangler suggested adding a recurring agenda topic titled “Legislative Update” to iron out the details and get public and stakeholder comments before the next legislative session begins so it can be presented for sponsorship.

Mr. Reinhold moved, seconded by Mr. Rambo, to move forward with the release of the letter to stakeholders in regards to the removal of the exemption statement in the statutes. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Applications by Reciprocity

Mr. Rambo moved, seconded by Mr. Reinhold, to grant licensure to Jason Beck. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Review of Continuing Education Approval Applications

Mr. Rambo moved, seconded by Mr. Reinhold, to approve for geological content the course submitted by Nicholas Hastings for “Exploring a Real Jurassic Park...” By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. Rambo moved, seconded by Mr. Smailer, to approve for geological content the course submitted by Nicholas Hastings for “Sonic Drilling Overview and Field Demonstration.” By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. Rambo moved, seconded by Ms. Nicholas, to approve for geological content the course submitted by Nicholas Hastings for “Dissolved Oxygen Alteration Method for Fractured Bedrock Wellbore Flow Characterization.” By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. Rambo moved, seconded by Mr. Smailer, to approve for geological content the course submitted by David Iseri for “Environmental Sequence Stratigraphy and the new EPA Remediation Geology Paradigm.” By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. Rambo moved, seconded by Mr. Reinhold, to approve for geological content the course submitted by Jamie Pratt for “Groundwater Hydrology.” By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. Smailer moved, seconded by Mr. Rambo, to approve for geological content the courses submitted by Jamie Pratt listed below. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

“Flood Mitigation and Special Flood Hazard Areas”
“Introduction to FEMA Flood Maps and Flood Studies”
“Coastal Engineering: Tsunamis”
“Coastal Engineering: Sea Level Rise”

Wall Certificate

Mr. Smailer signed the wall certificate that was requested by Jeremiah Greenland.

CORRESPONDENCE

The American Institute of Professional Geologists has developed a new membership category titled “Nationally Accredited Professional Geologists.” This new category could lead to confusion and unlicensed practice as the person holding this title may think that is enough to be able to practice geology. Also, some geologists applying for a state license may think that this AIPG title will allow them to be fast tracked for licensure.

The Board agreed that a letter will need to be written to AIPG to state that Delaware has their own license requirements and any applicant that wants a license in Delaware will not be fast tracked due to a membership title from AIPG.

The Board will revisit this at their next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (For Discussion Only)

Clarification was asked about the supervising geologists that submit a list of the unlicensed people that are working under them to gain their geology experience. There is nothing in the law that states how they need to notify the Board or if it needs to have their seal on it. As long as the Board is notified of the people being supervised, it doesn't matter how the Board receives that information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Rambo moved, seconded by Ms. Nicholas, to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Meredith Hurley
Administrative Specialist II